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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS VALUATION

1. NORDIC SPOKESMAN FOR VALUATION (HAGFORS) REQUESTED MEETING WITH MTN DEL TO SOLICIT OUR VIEWS ON VALUATION NEGOTIATIONS. HAGFORS EXPLAINED THAT THE INITIAL NORDIC POSITION ON NEGOTIATING A NEW INTERNATIONAL VALUATION SYSTEM WAS THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY AND THAT THE BRUSSELS DEFINITION OF VALUE WAS ADEQUATE. AFTER MUCH INTERNAL DEBATE THIS POSITION CHANGED TO ONE OF "OPEN MINDEDNESS" ON WHETHER OR NOT TO ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS. HE CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS NOW NECESSARY FOR THE NORDICS

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TO DECIDE WHICH WAY TO GO. THE JAPANESE HAD GIVEN HIM A RATHER NEGATIVE REACTION TO NEGOTIATING A NEW VALUATION SYSTEM, AND IF THE US WAS NOT SERIOUS ABOUT THESE NEGOTIATIONS THAT THERE MIGHT BE AN EFFORT TO DISCOURAGE THE EC INITIATIVES.

2. IN RESPONSE, WE STATED THAT THE US WAS WILLING TO

ENGAGE IN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF VALUATION SO LONG AS THE COUNTRIES REQUESTING CHANGES IN THE US SYSTEM REALIZE THAT THESE CHANGES WOULD ONLY TAKE PLACE IF ADEQUATE RECIPROCITY WAS FORTHCOMING. THE EC HAD RECOGNIZED THIS SITUATION AND THE USG HAS INITIATED THE TECHNICAL PREPARATIONS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN VALUATION NEGOTIATIONS.

3. ON THE BASIS OF THIS REPLY, HAGFORS STATED THAT THE NORDIC COUNTRIES WOULD NOW BE WILLING TO ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS AND THEY TOO WOULD INITIATE THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL STUDIES REQUIRED FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION. HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD COMMUNICATE THIS CHANGE OF POSITION TO THE EC. WALKER

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